



Merrick County Board Minutes



December 23, 2013

The Merrick County Board of Supervisors met Monday, December 23, 2013 at 9:05 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, County Courthouse, Central City, NE, with Graves, Helgoth, Jefferson, Kucera, Hahn, Weller, and Wiegert present. Also present was County Attorney Lynelle Homolka.

Moved Graves, second Helgoth to convene as Board of Supervisors at 9:05 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes

Notice of the meeting was given thereof by publications in the Republican Nonpareil and The Palmer Journal and on the Merrick County website. Proof of publication is filed in the Clerk's Office. Copies of the agenda were mailed to each Supervisor and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Wiegert declared the meeting was preceded by publicized notice and having acknowledged and identified the location of the posting of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act, called the meeting to order and in open session at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda: Moved Kucera, second Graves to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Minutes: Wiegert said that he was the one who attended the Midland Area on Aging meeting not Weller as stated in the minutes. Moved Weller, second Jefferson to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting with the correction. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Meeting reports: Graves, Helgoth, Kucera, and Wiegert attended the NACO State Convention in Omaha on December 11, 12, and 13; Graves, Weller, and Helgoth attended a handbook meeting; Graves attended a safety meeting on December 17 and on December 18 he attended the hospital meeting; Weller had talked with the Hamilton County Commissioner Chairman and he would like to meet with two or three of the Merrick County Supervisors to discuss Bader Park.

Official's reports: County Attorney Homolka went and spoke to the 8th grade class at their request at High Plains. Homolka also said that the County had been approved for the ASSIST grant from NIRMA and she will order additional cameras and upgrade the system. She also met with the handbook committee and attended the safety meeting. She also has had two jury trials in the last quarter so the Board would be seeing a lot of jury member claims. Sheriff Campbell passed around an email concerning correctional health care. He will have a gentleman come in and give the Board a presentation.

Juvenile Diversion grant: Julie Beyer, Juvenile Diversion Officer, presented the Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Application for the Board's approval to have the Chairman sign. Moved Weller, second Kucera to approve the e Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Application for the Board's approval to have the Chairman sign. Roll Call: All Ayes.

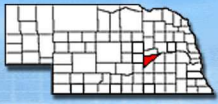
Juvenile Diversion interlocals: Julie Beyer, Juvenile Diversion Officer presented the interlocal with Polk, Nance, and Merrick County Juvenile Diversion for the Board's approval. These interlocals were amended because of the grant money. Moved Weller, second Graves to approve the interlocals with Polk and Nance Counties to run their Diversion programs and apply for their grants. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Floor bid: Moved Hahn, second Kucera to approve the bid from Brite Express for \$1,656.96 to redo the floors on second floors, the landings, and the front entrance. Roll Call: All Ayes.

USA Communications: Matthew Kauk, technical supervisor with USA Communications came before the Board to answer questions in regard to the phone service at the Sheriff's Office and the internet in the courthouse. Sheriff Campbell said that on calls going out of his office there have been a long delay after you dial the number before it starts ringing. Kauk said they have changed the upload and increased it at no charge to the County. Weller said that they were told that there would be a savings of \$500.00 a month and that is not happening. There are some numbers that no one knows what they are linked to. Campbell has contacted Century Link and NT&T and they cannot tell them where they link to (example, alarms, 911, etc.) so they do not want to disconnect lines until they find out what they are linked to. Kauk said they have a gentleman that could come free of charge and tell the County what these lines are linked to. They will have him come when it is convenient for the County. Kucera said that she had received complaints from some offices in the courthouse about the internet and that it would go down and it is sluggish. Kauk said he had not received any calls regarding these problems and he gave Kucera his phone number and a link that they could run speed tests.

Sewer line in jail: The sewer line for the jail is getting worse. There is a plug on the side of the jail that keeps popping and debris comes out and runs into the street. Stuart Plumbing said the line is starting to collapse. The cost to repair the line would be around \$4,000.00. Sheriff Campbell will get something in writing as for the cost and come back to the Board, but the Board said this needs to be fixed.

Water from Hall County: Bob Husmann said there is a lot of water that is going to be sent down from Grand Island that will affect Prairie Creek, Moores Creek, and the Warm Slough. If there are any large amounts of rain, flooding would be



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possible at Archer, Clarks, and areas along the way. Husmann said that the NRD was involved in this and County tax dollars. The Board thinks that the County representatives to the NRD should be made aware of this.

Irrigation/ Pipeline Agreement: Moved Weller, second Jefferson to approve the Irrigation/Pipeline Agreement for the Board's approval for Roger Hanke between Section 25, and Section 36, Township 14, Range 8. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Motor Grader bids: Moved Weller, second Jefferson to approve the bid from Nebraska Machinery Company for \$64,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Time and attendance: Kucera and Helgoth had talked and the concern they have is with writing down of time worked. Helgoth said he attended the handbook meeting and thought that the handbook would address the concern.

Emergency Management: Moved Jefferson, second Graves to accept the resignation of the Emergency Manager and to appoint Sheriff Campbell as the temporary Emergency Manager. Roll Call: All Ayes. Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to appoint Kim Campbell as primary E911 representative and Sheriff Campbell as the secondary. Roll Call: All Ayes.

RESOLUTION 2013-37: RESOLUTION 2013-37 was presented to the Board for final approval and signatures. Moved Weller, second Graves to approve RESOLUTION 2013-37 and to have all of the Board sign it. Roll Call: All Ayes.

THRIVES: Moved Graves, second Hahn to approve the County Clerk sending a letter of support for THIRVES. Roll Call: All Ayes.

December 2013 payroll: The December 2013 payroll was presented for approval: General: Gross: \$98,730.75 Net: \$70,404.75 Roads: Gross: \$46,022.12 Net: \$30,061.60 Juvenile Diversion: Gross: \$2,331.33 Net: \$2,043.18. Moved Jefferson, second Graves to approve the December 2013 payroll as presented. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Adjourn: Moved Helgoth, second Kucera to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Roll Call: All Ayes.

/s/Roger Wiegert, Chairman

/s/Marcia Wichmann, County Clerk